

# PACIFIC CONNECTOR GAS PIPELINE

## PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

### **FERC EIS and Certification Process**

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is the lead agency for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the proposed Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline (PCGP) project in Oregon. FERC is the federal agency that authorizes the siting, construction, and operation of interstate natural gas pipelines and liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminals under the provisions of the Natural Gas Act. If FERC chooses to authorize the PCGP, it will issue an order called a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. This certificate would be the primary federal authorization for the pipeline and an associated LNG facility, the Jordan Cove Energy Project (JCEP), and would establish the public need for, and benefit of, the project.

In their role as managers of federal lands and facilities, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the U.S. Forest Service, and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) are cooperating agencies for FERC's EIS. All comments on the right-of-way grant, which includes crossings of facilities used for Reclamation's Klamath Project water delivery system, and comments about amendments to the BLM and Forest Service land management plans must be made through FERC's public involvement program.

The public will have several opportunities during the FERC NEPA process for learning about the PCGP and JCEP and for providing comments. The public involvement opportunities include the following:

- Scoping meetings and comment period for FERC's EIS, including the BLM and Forest Service's proposed land management plan amendments. Scoping refers to the process used to determine the topics and issues that will be addressed in the EIS.
- 90-day public comment period for FERC's new draft EIS (may include public comment meetings).
- Certification hearing.
- 30-day rehearing request period if FERC issues an order authorizing the project.

FERC is hosting three public scoping meetings for the EIS. The dates and locations of the scoping meetings are shown on the reverse side of this factsheet.

### **How the Public Can Comment during the FERC NEPA Process**

FERC is responsible for developing the public involvement program for its EIS and certification process. The public can stay informed about the FERC process and its public involvement program by subscribing to FERC's *eSubscription* online notification process located at

<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ferconline.asp>. The docket number for both PCGP and JCEP is PF17-4.

The public can provide input on the environmental issues, alternatives to be considered in the EIS that relate to the siting, construction, and operation of PCGP and JCEP, and reasonable measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. The FERC scoping process also provides the public with the opportunity to provide input on the proposed amendments to the BLM and Forest Service land management plans.

### **Disposition of Comments Submitted on Forest Service's Previous NOI**

Comments submitted under previous iterations of this project will not be carried forward. Anyone with comments on this project must submit them under these procedures for the comments to be considered.

### **Tips for Public Participation**

Public input will help BLM and the Forest Service make informed decisions about amending their land management plans to provide for the PCGP; it will also help these agencies and Reclamation make informed decisions related to issuance of the right-of-way grant. BLM, the Forest Service, and Reclamation encourage the public to participate in the project by:

- Submitting comments during official comment periods.

- Attending public meetings.
- Focusing comments on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts.
- Keeping informed through project materials such as those available through the FERC's *eSubscription* online notification process.

The submission of timely and specific comments with accurate contact information may enable the reviewer to participate in subsequent administrative or judicial review of BLM and Forest Service decisions.

## **June 2017 Public Scoping Meetings for PCGP EIS**

**Tuesday, June 27, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Sunset Middle School  
Library and Commons Rooms  
245 South Cammann St.  
Coos Bay, Oregon

**Wednesday, June 28, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Umpqua Community College  
Jackson Hall Rooms 11 and 12  
1140 Umpqua College Rd.  
Roseburg, Oregon

**Thursday, June 29, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Oregon Institute of Technology  
College Union Building  
Mt. Bailey and Mt. Thielsen Rooms  
3201 Campus Drive  
Klamath Falls, Oregon

